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| [X] | ATTN: BOX PCT |
| [] | ATTN: BOX PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION |
| [X] | THIS IS THE 35 U.S.C 371 NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT/JP2004/011238 FILED |
| | August 5, 2004 |
| Sir: | Transmitted herewith for filing is the [X] Utility [] Design [X] nonprovisional [] provisional patent application of: |
| Inve | entor / Application Identifier: Kotaro ONO |
| []: | See Inventor Information Sheet attached |
| For: | METHOD OF PRODUCING WHEEL AND THE WHEEL |

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| [] | This is a new patent application. |
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| [X] | This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application. |
| [] | This is a provisional patent application. |
| [] | This is a: [] Continuation Application |
| | [] Divisional Application |
| | [] Continuation-in-Part Application |
| | of prior Application Serial No |
| | [] Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. |
| | [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a [] Continuation, [] Divisional, [] Continuation-in-part, of Application |
| the | Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying lication and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. |

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| X | 7 | 7 Sheets of drawings ([x] formal [] informal size A4). | | | | | |
| x | 28 | Pages of specification including abstract and claims. | | | | | |
| х | 35 | Total pages. | | | | | |
| | Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney | | | | | | |
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| | Assignment to: | | | | | |
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| | Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No | | | | | |
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| х | Information Disclosure Statement | | | | | |
| х | Information Disclosure Citation | | | | | |
| | MPEP § 2001.06(b) states that in a Continuation application, a Divisional application, or a Continuation-in-Part application, "the examiner will consider the prior art cited in the earlier application" and indicate in the first Office Action whether the prior art in the related earlier application has been reviewed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the art cited in the parent of this instant application and indicate in the first Office Action that such prior art has been considered. | | | | | |
| | English translation | | | | | |
| х | Application Data Sheet | | | | | |

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| | , | olicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional lication(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119. | | | |
| х | Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below and which priority applications are hereby incorporated by reference in the present application: Japan Patent Appln. No. 2003-291149, filed August 11, 2003, Priority Claimed of which certified copies thereof | | | | |
| | <u> </u> | will follow | | | |
| | | are enclosed | | | |
| | х | have been filed in the International Bureau | | | |
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| CLAIMS FILED AND FILING FEE CA | LCULATI | ON | | т | 7 |
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| ITEM | _ · | | | Rate | Applied Fee |
| [] Basic Fee Utility | _ | | | \$300 | |
| [] Search Fee Utility | | | | \$500 | |
| [] Exam. Fee Utility | | | | \$200 | |
| [] Sheet Fee Utility | Ea. Add'l 5 | 0 pgs. over | 100 pgs. | \$250 | |
| Small Entity e-Filed Basic Fee Utility: SEE BELOW "Small Entity is Asserted." | | • | | | |
| [X] Basic Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage | | · · | | | \$300 |
| [X] Search Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage | 37 CFR 1.492(b)(3) | | \$400 | \$400 | |
| [X] Exam. Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage | 37 CFR 1.492(c)(2) | | | \$200 | \$200 |
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| Total Claims | 8 | 20 | 0 | \$50 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | 3 | 0 | \$200 | \$0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee | _ | • | | \$360 | \$360 |
| [] Small Entity Status is Asserted | Deduct 50% of above fees | | | | (\$0) |
| [] Basic Fee Utility - e-filed and Small Entity | | | | \$75 | · |
| [] Non-English Specification | _ | | | \$130 | \$0 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | \$1,260 |

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